Daily Alternatives

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#ArtsNotViolence: A Call for Youth Engagement

What is it?

#ArtsNotViolence was created by Ryan Crawford and the Public Allies on his team. This movement is to highlight different artists in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

What is the purpose of this event?

The purpose of #ArtsNotViolence is to engage our community, youth especially, in the New Mexico art scene. The purpose is to promote art instead of violence. Another purpose would be to get the community to support and engage with nonprofit organizations. A long-term goal for #ArtsNotViolence would be to celebrate the accomplishments of youth leaders in our community through youth creativity.

Why did you choose to use Art to create this movement?

#ArtsNotViolence believes you can create peace, love, and harmony through art. Art is extremely influential and helps people of all generations, races to express themselves. Art is a common platform to connect to one another. Art is a medium we can use to unite people.

What inspired you to create #ArtNotViolence?

The artists here are ready but lacking platforms and venues for them to perform and express themselves. The Albuquerque entertainment industry and its endless potential has motivated the #ArtsNotViolence team to create this movement. The film studios here are second largest to Los Angeles, and the rest of the entertainment industry also has a potential to be a hub in the Southwest. The #ArtsNotViolence wants to create a platform for all upcoming artists and give them a start in this industry.